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Simi Valley, CA 93063
June 5, 2023

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Agenda Item No. 48 (Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Purchase of Real Property Located at 545 - 555 South A Street in the City of Oxnard (Property) from David A. Elson for \$4,100,000 and Acceptance of the Assignments of the Seven Existing Leases for the Property...Supervisory District No. 5).

Dear Members of the Board:

Though I did not know Supervisor Carmen Ramirez personally, I testified before her and the rest of the Commissioners when I addressed the County's 3 public cemetery districts' sphere of influence reviews at LAFCo meetings. Because I tune in to your meetings, I had the opportunity to follow Supervisor Ramirez' service to her District and to the entire County! Though I do not know if the Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council will include a dedication to her in the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update, per my contact with the former Programs Manager, at least for her constituents sake the Family Justice Center in Oxnard is moving forward.

Members of the Board, I support the real property's purchase. I recently reviewed the presentations by County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko on the Ventura Family Justice Center done back in 2021 to 2 County cities' City Councils. While his presentations were outstanding, it is heartbreaking to hear "Unfortunately we have in our County far more cases than we can provide outreach and services for at the Family Justice Center"! The June 1, 2023 Ventura County Star article "Thousands of sexual assault kits, some decades old, to get DNA testing in Ventura County" mentioned under "DNA testing starts" that "Earlier this year, the county Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Virginia-based Bode Technologies to test hundreds of the kits". It also reported that "Ventura

County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko said he believes the local efforts will help promote public trust between law enforcement and residents." The Board's June 6, 2023 letter states on Page 3 that the Oxnard FJC emphasizes "helping underserved victims in Oxnard and the surrounding unincorporated areas, many of whom do not trust or voluntarily contact law enforcement, are afraid of deportation, and face significant language, cultural, economic and transportation barriers in accessing the Ventura FJC location"!

According to the June 6, 2023 Board letter, Page 3, under Discussion, it is stated "...would leverage \$2,000,000 in Oxnard funds, \$1,000,000 in state funds and \$640,000 in federal funds to acquire and build out an Oxnard FJC to better serve Oxnard victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes" (second paragraph).

The third paragraph under Discussion states that "The Property proposed for purchase fits into the County's overall strategic plan to acquire property to house County operations and provide efficiencies and reductions in County operating costs." Also, the difference between \$124.90 per-square-foot price vs. \$500-\$600/sf. cost is certainly worthy of consideration. Please support the County's purchase of the proposed building in Oxnard.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan